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This is in response to the Written Opinion dated January 17, 2000.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1.1 Proposed new claims 1 to 34 correspond to originally filed claims 1 to 34.
- 1.2 Proposed new claim 35 is based on originally filed claim 35 except that we deleted the back-reference to claim 32.
- 1.3 Proposed new claims 36 to 38 correspond to originally filed claims 36 to 38.